

alternate sections of land in Fisher's and Miller's Colony. Passed to 3rd reading, rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Tuesday, January 7, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

The Committee on Private Land Claims recommended the passage of a bill for the relief of R. H. Jackson.

Messrs. Burnett and Guinn made the following minority report:

The Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, having had under consideration the government of the lunatic asylum, have determined to make no alteration or reduction of the officers and their salary. The undersigned minority dissent from the majority of the committee and beg leave to make the following report:

We are of the opinion that the salary of the superintendent remain unchanged and that the board of managers be required to deduct from his salary a reasonable board for each and every one of his family and so with every officer of the asylum. There is an invidious distinction between officers who have large families and those who have small, and believe this distinction should not exist. We think the salaries are fully sufficient to admit of a reduction for board. The salaries of the other officers of the Government are not any more nor are their families supported at the expense of the State. We also disagree with a majority of the committee relative to the raising of the salary of the Governor's private secretary, being fully convinced that these are no times to raise the salaries of officers.

The Judiciary Committee recommended the passage of a bill to amend the Act prescribing the mode of establishing liabilities of drawers and endorsers of bills of exchange and promissory notes, &c.

A message from House informed the Senate of the
And the following House bills:

Bill for relief of A. H. Cook.

Bill supplemental to an Act incorporating the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, &c., &c.

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Bill amendatory of an Act and supplemental to the 2nd section of an Act granting a pension to Cynthia Ann Parker, approved April 8, 1861.

Bill supplemental to and amendatory of an Act to provide for the transportation of clothing and other contributions to the Texas volunteers in Confederate Army, passed January 4, 1862. Read 1st time, rule suspended. Read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to require the County Court of Colorado County to furnish the surveyor with books of record, &c., passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for relief of R. H. Jackson. Passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for relief of George W. Glasscock, assignee of M. Wood. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Committee on Military Affairs reported a bill upon the application of Thomas Chubb and recommended its passage. Read 1st time.

A bill to prohibit stallions and jacks from running at large in Dallas, Lamar, and Bowie Counties. Passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Messrs. Beasley, Parsons, and Finlay were appointed a committee under resolution of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Burnett introduced a bill appropriating \$75,000 for pay of members and officers, 9th Legislature. Read 1st time. Rule suspended, read 2nd time.

Mr. Crawford of Jasper moved to strike out the words "or his draft upon the several assessors and collectors of taxes."

Mr. Parsons moved to refer the bill to Judiciary Committee. Lost.

A motion to lay Mr. Crawford's amendment on table resulted as follows:

YEAS — Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Boyd, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Erath, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Lea, Obenchain, Reed, Shelley, and Wheeler—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Burnett, Cook, Darden, Durant, Finlay, Moore, Parsons, Scarborough, Selman, and Weatherford—10.

Mr. Erath moved to strike out 3rd section. Laid on table. A motion to lay the bill on the table was lost. The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

A message from House informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill supplemental to an Act suspend-

ing the collection of debts, &c., and a resolution appointing a committee to devise ways and means by which the members of the 9th Legislature could pay their board, bills, &c.

Mr. Burnett's bill appropriating \$75,000, &c., &c., was passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs, Batte, Beasley, Burnett, Cook, Crawford of Jasper, Erath, Finlay, Guinn, Harcourt, Houston, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Reed, Shelley, and Wheeler—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Boyd, Casey, Darden, Durant, Graham, Hartley, Lea, Parsons, Scarborough, Selman, Shepard, and Weatherford—12.

A bill amending the stay law. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill for relief of Thomas Chubb. Read 2nd time. Mr. Hartley offered a substitute. Mr. Crawford moved to indefinitely postpone the bill. Carried.

The House concurred in Senate's amendments to bill to consolidate into one and amend the several Acts incorporating the City of Houston.

The Committee of Conference on a bill creating a hospital fund reported a substitute therefor which was adopted.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported correctly engrossed a bill to provide for a digest of the laws of Texas.

Mr. Selman introduced a bill to authorize the loan of county money. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance reported the following amendments to a bill to amend the law for the assessment and collection of taxes, viz.:

Section 2, line 1—after "claims" insert "and other property permanently situated in in any other county."

Lines 6 and 7—after "in" strike out "the county in which said land lies" and insert "such county except as provided in this Act for assessment of non-residents."

Lines 19 and 20—after "property" strike out "situated in other counties" and insert "situated in any other organized county."

Line 21—after "list" insert "and appraisement."

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Line 27—strike out "assess the same" and insert "enroll the same as assessed subject to revision as other assessments."

Line 28—at the end insert "or preemption claims on other property permanently."

Line 31—after “judicial” insert “and remain.”

Section 1, line 12—after “oath” insert “affirmation.”

Line 13—after “swear” insert “or affirm.”

Line 17—strike out “in this county” and insert “within this State but not permanently situated in some other organized county than this.”

Lines 18 and 19—strike out “for the same” and insert “theretofore at ordinary sale not forced.”

Line 28—after “property” insert “at ordinary sale not forced.”

Section 3, lines 26 and 27—after “at” strike out “original beginning corner of said tract” and insert “and the notice shall be given and the sale made with a description of the part to be sold so as to define the sale made from some corner of the tract.”

Section 53—after “states” insert “until.”

Add Section 6 and amend caption so as to read “a bill to better regulate the assessment and collection of taxes.”

The Senate then adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.

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Senate met, roll called, quorum present.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills reported the following correctly enrolled, properly signed, and reported to the Governor:

A bill supplementary to an Act incorporating the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, approved February 16, 1852, &c.

A bill for relief of A. H. Cook.

Mr. Weatherford introduced a bill to provide for the payment of Captain Good's company of light artillery. Read 1st time; rule suspended, read 2nd time; rule further suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Judiciary Committee reported a substitute for a bill supplemental to the stay law, which was adopted and ordered to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill making appropriation for mileage and *per diem* was reported correctly engrossed.

A bill to amend an Act to ascertain and adjudicate certain legal claims for land against the State situated between the Nueces and Rio Grande Rivers, approved February 16, 1860. Read 2nd time.

Mr. Lea offered the following amendment: “and the final confirmations under the provisions of this Act shall not be conclusive nor shall patents be issued until further provisions be made therefor by law.”

Mr. Guinn offered a substitute for the bill which was

laid on table. Mr. Lea's amendment was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Beasley, Boyd, Branch, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Darden, Guinn, Houston, Lea, Moore, Obenchain, Reed, Selman, and Wheeler—16.

NAYS—Messrs. Batte, Erath, Finlay, Graham, Harcourt, Jordan, Mitchell, Parsons, Scarborough, Shelley, Shepard, and Weatherford—12.

Bill read 3rd time and passed.

The House agreed to Senate's substitute to bill for relief of W. L. Chalmers.

A bill for relief of Lewis Powell. Read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the following bills was postponed until tomorrow evening:

Bill changing the time of holding courts in the 9th Judicial District.

Bill for relief of Captain Thomas Chubb.

A bill to exempt a certain class of persons from labor on public roads. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, and bill passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Boyd, Branch, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Finlay, Graham, Guinn, Jordan, Lea, Mitchell, Moore, Obenchain, Parsons, Reed, Selman, Shelley, Weatherford, and Wheeler—22.

NAYS—Messrs. Darden, Erath, Harcourt, Hartley, Houston, Scarborough, and Shepard—7.

A message from the House informed the Senate of the passage of the following bills and of other action as follows:

The adoption of report of Committee of Conference on bill to provide a hospital fund.

Bill for relief of Captain Ballou's company.

Bill for relief of Captain J. J. Good's company.

Bill to validate certain land certificates.

Bill to authorize the county clerks to make entry of headrights.

Bill making an appropriation for payment of commissioner sent to the Indians by the Convention, with amendments.

Bill for relief of companies incorporated for purposes of internal improvement, with amendments.

A bill to regulate county advertising in newspapers in certain cases. Read 2nd time and laid on table.

A bill for relief of T. B. Beck, William Custard, A. H. Cook, and Abner Matthews. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Committee on Private Land Claims reported and recommended the passage of a bill for relief of J. P. Plummer. Read and ordered to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill making an appropriation for manufacture of Minie balls. Read 2nd time and ordered to a third reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Branch, Graham, Hartley, Houston, Jordan, Lea, Shelley, and Shepard—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Boyd, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Fannin, Crawford of Jasper, Erath, Finlay, Guinn, Harcourt, Mitchell, Moore, Parsons, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, Weatherford, and Wheeler—19.

A bill for relief of Levi English. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill amending an Act creating a pension to Cynthia Ann Parker. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for relief of George W. Morris. Read 2nd time and ordered to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for relief of Archibald Hotchkiss. Read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for relief of Captain J. J. Good's company. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

A bill for relief of companies incorporated for purposes of internal improvements on House amendments. The whole referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill making appropriation to pay commissioners to Indians sent by the Convention. Amendments of House concurred in.

A bill to validate certain land certificates. Read 1st and 2nd times. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Wednesday, January 8, 1862

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.